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## THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 9, lines 16-18, as follows:

The invention furthermore relates to use of an assembly system as claimed in claims 1 15 for coupling a first pipe element and a second pipe element.

Please amend the two paragraphs on page 10, lines 2-7, as follows:

The invention and its many advantages will be described in more detail below with reference to the accompanying schematic drawings, which for the purpose of illustration show some non-limiting embodiments and in which:

Figs. 1-7 show the assembly of a pipe coupling according to an aspect of the invention,

Please amend the two paragraphs on page 10, lines 14-17, as follows:

- Fig. 11 shows in perspective a third embodiment of the coupling device according to the invention, and
- Fig. 12 shows in perspective a fourth embodiment of the coupling device according to the invention-, and